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SUBJECT: POLAND AND FINLAND TO RENEW NEGOTIATIONS ON "FREE TRADE"
AGREEMENT

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1. PRESS FEB 19 REPORTED THAT FINLAND STARTING NEGOTIATIONS WITH
POLAND AT BEGINNING OF MARCH ON "FREE TRADE" AGREEMENT PARALLELING
THOSE PREVIOUSLY CONCLUDED WITH BULGARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND
HUNGARY. POLISH INTRODUCTION OF CUSTOMS TARIFF AT BEGINNING OF
YEAR PROVIDES FINNS A BASIS FOR RENEWING TALKS.

2. FINNISH TRADE WITH POLAND SINCE 1970 ON CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY BASIS
WHEREAS FINNS HAVE CLEARING AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER EE COUNTRIES
EXCEPT CZECHOSLOVAKIA. FINNISH EXPORTS TO POLAND IN 1975(FOB
BASIS) COVERED ONLY 42 PERCENT OF IMPORTS(CIF BASIS), DUE IN
PART TO ENERGY CRISIS INDUCED OVER-BUYING OF POLISH COAL AT HIGH
PRICES. FINNS WANT TO RESTORE BALANCE TO TRADE WITH POLAND,
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A TASK COMPLICATED BY FAILURE TO WIN DESIGN CONTRACT FOR

DWIDZIN WOOD PROCESSING COMPLES (REFTEL).
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